

North Carolina Weather & Crops Report

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 2014

GENERAL: Days suitable for field work 6.5. Topsoil moisture 1% very short, 13% short, 79% adequate and 7% surplus. Subsoil moisture 1% very short, 12% short, 79% adequate and 8% surplus. The state received virtually no rain and temperatures fell slightly below normal for the week. Reported crop progress data for the week showed soybeans leaf drop at 85% and harvest at 21%. Cotton harvested at 34%. Reports for corn harvested for grain rose to 92%. Burley tobacco harvested is at 88%. Sweet potato harvest is at 78%, peanut harvest rose to 64%. Apple harvest remained at 90%. Small grain planting continued to progress with barley reported at 41%, wheat at 22% and oats planted at 36%.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS				
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
PHENOLOGICAL:				
Soybeans % Leaf Drop	85	75	84	84
Wheat Emerged	13	n/a	n/a	n/a
PLANTED:				
Barley	41	25	58	53
Oats	36	22	68	50
Wheat	22	12	21	21
HARVESTED:				
Apples	90	90	87	90
Corn for Grain	92	89	97	97
Cotton	34	23	16	37
Hay 3 rd cutting	87	82	77	82
Peanuts Threshed	64	50	68	69
Sorghum	33	24	62	n/a
Soybeans	21	16	10	19
Sweet Potato	78	69	68	76
Tobacco: Burley	88	85	100	99

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
	VP	P	F	G	EX
Cotton	0	4	26	55	15
Pasture	1	10	34	47	8
Sorghum	0	2	28	54	16
Soybeans	1	4	22	60	13

VP = Very Poor P = Poor F = Fair G = Good EX = Excellent

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
	VS	ST	A	SS
Topsoil Moisture	1	13	79	7
Subsoil Moisture	1	12	79	8

VS= Very Short ST = Short A = Adequate SS = Surplus

Last cutting of hay is underway, spotty frost has created some prussic acid caution in sorghum-sudan, and Johnsongrass pastures and hay fields..

Donna Teasley – Burke County Extension

Pastures are beginning to fail as a few livestock producers have started feeding some hay. Main farm activities for the week included tending livestock, harvesting grain corn, and tagging Christmas trees in preparation of harvest to begin next month.

Stanley Holloway – Yancey County Extension

Tobacco harvest is nearly complete with a few growers in the region with about a week or two left depending on frost. Cotton harvest should be ramping up this coming week and soybean harvest of early varieties is on going. Sorghum harvest will continue as well.

Colby Lambert – Agronomist Region 9

Great week allowed farmers to begin/ resume harvest. Yields still good for soybeans, even some that suffered from southern leaf blight. Most of the heavily damaged fields were not rotated and were of a particular variety line.

Steve Gibson – Catawba County Extension

Most of Cabarrus County is very dry. Soils are too dry. Seeded small grain and winter annual pastures do not have enough soil moisture for germination and emergence. Pastures are very dry. Farmers are already feeding hay.

Carl Pless – Cabarrus County Extension

Dry and sunny weather conditions has brighten cotton fiber in the field which should improve grades. Reported cotton and peanut yields have generally been excellent. Weather conditions have aided good growth of clary sage.

Richard Rhodes – Bertie County Extension

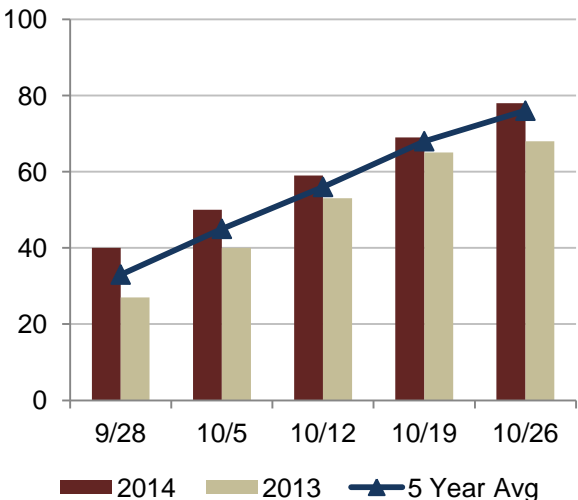
Great field conditions to get harvest work done. Some cotton will have to wait til just before frost before boll openers are used as upper boll is still rank on later cotton. Soybean yields are being reported as really good.

Roy Thagard –Greene County Extension

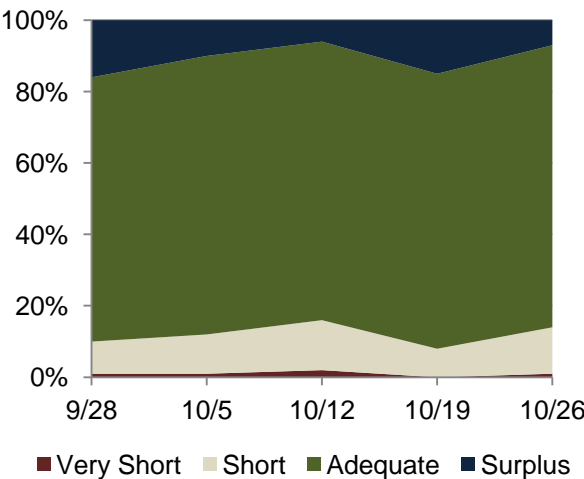
Above average acreage of rapeseed planted this year. Wheat acreage planting intentions are down 30-50% for some growers. Cotton yield reports are above average.

Mac Malloy – Robeson County Extension

SWEET POTATO HARVEST



TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT



WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 2014										
Location	Precipitation (Inches) ¹				Temperature (Degrees F.)					
	This Week		Year To Date		This Week					
	Total	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Avg.	Departure from Normal	Degree Days (Year to Date)	
Asheboro	0.00	-0.77	38.45	-1.21	72	39	55	-3	4176	
Asheville	0.00	-0.72	40.72	1.42	71	39	54	1	3583	
Burlington	0.00	-0.70	30.05	-8.40	74	36	56	-2	4402	
Charlotte	0.00	-0.82	38.61	2.20	75	39	57	-2	4557	
Clayton	0.00	-0.63	55.47	16.61	72	40	56	-3	4180	
Clinton	0.00	-0.63	39.35	-3.26	74	40	56	-3	4609	
Dunn	0.00	-0.65	38.46	-3.11	80	39	59	2	4704	
Elizabeth City	0.05	-0.51	34.58	-5.89	77	39	60	-1	4558	
Fayetteville	0.00	-0.63	35.46	-4.84	77	41	60	2	5139	
Gastonia-Gaston	0.00	-0.82	42.14	4.62	75	38	57	-2	4435	
Goldsboro	0.00	-0.63	45.94	3.38	76	40	59	-2	4909	
Greensboro	0.00	-0.69	30.39	-6.25	73	39	56	1	4354	
Greenville	0.00	-0.63	51.06	8.19	76	41	59	1	4738	
Hickory	0.02	-0.75	37.52	-3.66	73	41	57	0	4190	
Jefferson	0.00	-0.77	40.47	-0.51	69	32	49	-1	2494	
Kinston	0.00	-0.70	45.05	0.74	77	36	56	-4	4580	
Maxton	0.00	-0.70	34.05	-7.27	76	38	57	-4	4868	
Mount Airy	0.00	-0.70	33.73	-5.93	74	36	53	-2	3493	
New Bern	0.00	-0.70	46.71	-0.40	79	43	61	-1	5252	
North Wilkesboro	0.00	-0.84	37.97	-4.95	75	35	54	1	3644	
Oxford	0.00	-0.81	39.79	1.23	71	39	55	-1	4097	
Raeford	0.00	-0.70	40.29	-1.03	77	37	55	-5	4411	
Raleigh-Durham	0.00	-0.65	46.32	9.75	74	39	57	-1	4571	
Roanoke Rapids	0.00	-0.77	47.21	8.11	72	41	57	1	4345	
Robbinsville	0.02	-0.79	46.61	-7.50	71	33	51	-3	3310	
Roxboro	0.00	-0.84	45.15	5.92	72	35	54	-1	3830	
Statesville	0.00	-0.75	31.51	-7.00	74	33	52	-5	3671	
Vale	0.00	-0.91	37.57	-2.56	74	34	53	-5	3805	
Washington	0.00	-0.74	45.65	2.78	75	40	56	-3	4618	
Waynesville	0.01	-0.65	39.13	-1.28	72	31	50	0	3155	
Whiteville	0.00	-0.56	43.77	0.01	77	40	57	-5	4715	
Williamston	0.10	-0.64	47.90	5.03	75	42	57	-3	4550	
Willimngton	0.00	-0.56	49.93	0.33	78	44	60	-3	5220	
Wilson	0.00	-0.60	47.94	8.12	78	41	59	2	4923	
Winston-Salem	0.00	-0.69	29.78	-6.86	73	38	57	2	4267	

¹ Precipitation data considered preliminary

